

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An electronic still camera, comprising:  
a lens to form an image of a subject;  
a distant measuring section to measure a distance to a subject and to output a distance signal;  
an image capturing focusing section having a driving section to shift the lens within a scanning range determined based on the distance signal, an image capturing element to output an image signal of the image of the subject and a detecting section to detect a focusing point of the lens based on the image signal; and  
a light measuring section to measure a luminance of the subject and to output a luminance signal;

wherein the image capturing focusing section changes the scanning range of the lens in accordance with the luminance signal measured by the light measuring section.

2. (Original) The electronic still camera of claim 1, wherein when the luminance of the subject represented by the luminance signal is lower than a predetermined luminance level, the image capturing focusing section determines the focusing point of the lens based on the distance signal without detecting the focusing point of the lens based on the image signal.

3-12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) An electronic still camera, comprising:  
a lens to form an image of a subject;  
a distant measuring section to output a distance signal corresponding to a distance to the subject by receiving a detection beam from the subject; and  
an image capturing focusing section having a driving section to shift the lens within a scanning range determined based on the distance signal, an image capturing element having an image capturing area to receive the image from the lens and outputting an image signal of the image and a detecting section to detect a focusing point;  
wherein the image capturing focusing section expands the scanning range when an amount of the detection beam is lower than a predetermined value.

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